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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON FISHING OFF THE FAEROE ISLANDS

REF: COPENHAGEN 1471 (NOTAL)

BEGIN SUMMARY: SEVENMEMBR COUNTRIES OF NEAFC HAVE
REACHED AGREEMENT, AD REFERENDUM, TO RESTRAIN FISHING
EFFORTS FOR COD AND HADDOCK AND PUT UPWARD LIMIT ON EXPANSION OF
FISHING FOR OTHER SPECIES IN WATERS OFF FAEROES. AGREEMENT IS TO GO
INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1974. NET RESLT SHOULD BE AN EXPANDED COD AND
HADDOCK CATCH FOR FAEROESE AND A DAMPENING OF THEIR INTEREST
IN UNILATERALLY ESTABLISHING A 50-70 MILE FISHERIES ZONE. DANES
ARE PLEASED WITH AGREEMENT AND SEE IT AS EXAMPLE WHICH SHOULD
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BE FOLLOWED IN CURRENT ICELANDIC-BRITISH DISPUTE. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTER A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS, INITIATED BY DANISH-BRITISH TALKS IN EDINBURGH LAST APRIL(REFTEL), INTERESTED COUNTRIES MET IN COPENHAGEN LAST WEEK AND AGREED ON RESTRAINTS IN FISHING EFFORT BY NON-FAEROESE NATIONALS IN WATERS OFF THE FAEROE ISLANDS (NEAFC/AREA V-B). DELEGATIONS FROM BRITAIN, BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY NORWAY ANDPOLAND MET FOR TWO DAYS WITH A DANO-FAEROESE DELEGATION AND AGREED TO MAINTAIN COD AND HADDOCK FISHERIES IN THE WATERS OFF THE FAEROES AT ABOUT 50,000 TONS ANNUALLY, A LEVEL APPROXIMATING AVERAGE CATCHES IN THIS AREA OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS. FONOFF OFFICIAL (PER FERGO) TOLD US THAT ALLBUT "A FEW THOUSAND TONS" ARE RESERVED FOR THE FAEROESE WITH BRITISH TAKING APPROXIMATELY 25 PERCENT CUT. OTHERS HAVE MINIMAL QUOTAS (FERGO DID NOT WISH TO GO INTO DETAIL). POLES WERE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT, ACCORDING TO FERGO, AND WERE THE ONLY DELEGATION INSISTENT ON COD AND HADDOCK QUOTAS EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE MOST RECENT ENTRANT TO FISHING IN THAT AREA.

2. DELEGATIONS ALSO AGREED TO HOLD THEIR FISHING FOR SPECIES OTHER THAN COD AND HADDOCK TO INCREASE OF NO MORE THAN 10 PERCENT OVER AVERAGE CATCH IN PAST FIVE YEARS. FERGO REGRETTED THAT IT PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TONEGOTIATE A STANDSTILL OR REDUCTION IN FISHING EFFORT FOR THE OTHER SPECIES, BUT SAID THAT FOR OTHER DELEGATIONS TO ACCEPT RESTRAINT ON THEIR COD AND HADDOCK CATCHES THEY REQUIRED SOME INCREASE IN THEIR CATCH FOR OTHER SPECIES. SINCE FAEROESE PRINCIPALLY INTERESTED IN COD AND HADDOCK, THEY ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH THIS DEVELOPMENT.

3. FERGO SAID DANES HAD HOPED AGREEMENT WOULD RESULT IN OVERALL REDUCTION IN FISHING EFFORT WHILE ASSURING FAEROESE OF MAJOR SHARE OF SPECIES IN WHICH THEY MOST INTERESTED. HE BELIEVED FAE-ROESE INTERESTS WERE FAIRLY WELL SATISFIED, THOUGH SOME FAEROESE ELEMENTS, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS IF NO OTHER, WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE LOBBYING FOR A 50-70 MILE FISHERIES ZONE. FERGO ADMITTED THAT THE OVERRAL INTERESTS OF CONSEVATION WERE PROBABLY NOT WELL SERVED BY THE 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN CATCH EFFORT FOR SPECIES OTHER THAN COD AND HADDOCK, ALTHOUGH, AS HE POINTED OUT, THS IS BETTER THAN NO LIMITS AT ALL. PROBLEM ON OTHER SPECIES WAS THAT THERE IS VERY LITTLE DATA AVAILABLE. ICES HAD BEEN REQUESTED THIS SPRING TO CONDUCT STUDY ON SPECIES OTHE THAN COD AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HADDOCK IN THE WATERS AROUND THE FAEROES, BUT HAS NOT REALLY STARTED. NON-VAILABILITY OF SCIENTIFIC DATA MADE IT DIFFICULT TO ARGUE FOR RESTRAINT IN FISHING EFFORT. FERGO HOPES ICES WILL PROCEED MORE RAPIDLY WITH STUDY SO THAT QUESTION COULD BE RE-EXAMINED IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. AGREEMENT REACHED AT COPENHAGEN WAS AD REFERENDUM BUT FERGO EXPECTS NO PROBLEM IN OBTAINING OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATING

GOVTS SO THAT IT CAN GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1974. AGREEMENT WILL, ACCORDING TO FERGO, EVENTUALLY BE NOTIFIED TO NEAFC. WE ARE TOLD AGREEMENT WAS NOT NEGOTIATED IN NEAFC CONTEXT BECAUSE AUTHORITY TO DO SO DOES NOT EXIST. ACCORDING TO FERGO, ICELAND HAD VETOED A PROPOSAL THAT NEAFC BE AUTHORIZED TONEGOTIATE MULTIALATERAL QUOTAS ON CATCHES WITHIN AREAS OF ITS COMPETENCE. IT THEREFORE ROVED NECESSARY TO NEGOTIATE THIS AGREEMENT OUTSIDE OF NEAFC AUSPICES.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: DANES ARE VERY PLEASED WITH AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT ACHIEVE ALL THAT WAS WISHED. IT PLACATES FAEROESE, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, AND MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO CALL FOR EXPANDED FISHERIES ZONE. IN A SMALL WAY, IT ADVANCES CAUSE OF CONSERVATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES AND, WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF QUOTA PRINCIPLE, OPENS WAY FOR MORE MEANINGFUL CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THE FUTURE. IT SETS EXAMPLE FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF FISHERIES PROBLEM IN MANNER DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT THAN FOLLOWED BY ICELAND. DANISHPRESS HAS, IN FACT, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AGREEMENT ONFAEROESE FISHING MAY SERVE AS EXAMPLE FOR ICELAND ANDUK IN THEIR PRESENT DISPUTE. LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, AGREEMENT SUPPORTS PRINCIPLE ADVANCED IN SO-CALLED NORGAARD MEMORANDUM TO EC COUNCIL PROPOSING EC FISHERIES POLICY WHICH RECOGNIZES NEED FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION OF OUTLYING EC AREAS IN NORTH ATLANTIC (E.G; GREENLAND AND FAEROES, WHEN AND IF LATTER JOIN EC) WHICH ARE HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON FISHING FOR THEIR ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD
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